





Summary of Actions

<p>Metric </p>	<p>Central Governance </p>	<p>Supply Side </p>	<p>Demand Side </p>
<p>Explore how urban impact on sites can be factored into the metric on a more systemic basis.</p>	<p>Equip LPAs with sufficient resources and capacity to deliver their BNG obligations.</p>	<p>Provide clarity on appropriate tax and accounting treatments for off-site providers.</p>	<p>Support increased availability and ready supply of off-site units.</p>
<p>Strengthen the use of habitat as proxy for delivering real biodiversity gains, using other ecological factors.</p>	<p>Provide guidance to LPAs and Responsible Bodies (RBs) on appropriate monitoring activities and requirements.</p>	<p>Assist the creation and standardisation of legal agreements – particularly S106 agreements and conservation covenants.</p>	<p>Review the exemptions criteria and process for BNG.</p>
<p>Evaluate the risk of overall habitat cover loss - as larger, lower-quality habitats can be traded for smaller, higher-quality habitats.</p>	<p>Provide guidance on the separation of LPAs' roles as approver of off-site BNG habitats, and the participation of LAs as off-site providers.</p>	<p>Provide further guidance on appropriate financial modelling and governance of lifetime BNG agreements.</p>	<p>Address difficulty in matching supply and demand volumes – including the purchase of small or fractional biodiversity units.</p>
<p>Ensure that baseline habitats within LNRS boundaries are correctly valued.</p>	<p>Incentivise the 'front-loading' of BNG information in the planning process, including details about on-site habitat plans.</p>	<p>Provide further clarity over liability and enforcement measures in worst-case-scenario planning of habitat failure.</p>	<p>Support the standardisation of planning document templates and processes with LPAs.</p>
<p>Support the provision of higher distinctiveness habitats within the metric's unit generation, where the plans are ecological feasible.</p>	<p>Streamline the process of Responsible Body (RB) designation and increase public visibility over their operations.</p>	<p>Improve visibility over the local pipeline of developers' demand for off-site units.</p>	<p>Clarify the reporting requirements for on-site habitats over the 30-year period.</p>
<p>Assess the extent to which very high distinctiveness habitats may be replaced with high distinctiveness habitats.</p>	<p>Increase the provision of public data on the biodiversity gains site register.</p>	<p>Provide greater clarity on the statutory biodiversity credit scheme and its use of funds.</p>	<p>Review the policy of excess unit sales – e.g. those from solar sites.</p>
<p>Support greater consistency in the condition assessments delivered by different ecologists and other site surveyors.</p>	<p>Create a central register for on-site gains or incorporate these into the existing biodiversity gain sites register.</p>	<p>Assess and support the 'bespoke habitat creation' process with off-site providers, LPAs, and developers.</p>	<p>Provide guidance on appropriate management techniques of on-site habitats.</p>
<p>Address the user experience issues within the Excel version of the metric.</p>	<p>Establish a 'regulator of regulators' to evaluate how LPAs are meeting their statutory BNG responsibilities.</p>	<p>Align BNG with government environment and agri-environment schemes.</p>	<p>Help address expected skills shortages with management companies and other on-site habitat caretakers.</p>
<p>Improve the market's understanding of the spatial risk multiplier.</p>	<p>Review the enforceability for on-site habitats that do not reach target state.</p>	<p>Provide clarity over the effect of BNG agreements on land values.</p>	<p>Provide greater clarity regarding the allowance of cross-boundary sales.</p>
	<p>Encourage LPAs to take >10% BNG ambitions, where they deem it viable.</p>		<p>Provide greater clarity over the requirements for large, multi-phased projects.</p>
	<p>Provide guidance on how BNG should be delivered alongside other local policies.</p>		
	<p>Align BNG with the broader Environmental Net Gain (ENG) concept and its adaptations as these develop.</p>		